

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 21st November 2010**

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## **It is with regret that we learned of the recent passing**

of Mary McCarthy (Nee Wall), Sunrise Crescent, Waterford, mother of John McCarthy (EI8JA).

Ar dheis de go raibh siad

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## **IRTS Committee Meeting**

The next IRTS Committee meeting, is being held in Portlaoise next Saturday 27th of November at 11 am.

Affiliated Clubs are reminded that they are entitled to send a representative to the committee meeting. They should advise the IRTS secretary of the name of their nominated representative before the meeting.

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## **Secondary School Transition Year Project**

The Society is in discussions with a number of parties with a view to a possible Transition Year Secondary school project based around one of the proposed educational satellites to be launched next year.

If any of our members are teaching at secondary level or have past experience of same, we would welcome their help in designing the content of the project or indeed carrying out a critique on the proposal.

Please contact Paul EI2CA or any member of the committee.

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## **Stan's on the move again**

From November 18th until November 29th, Stan, EI6DX is going to operate from the village of Somone, 70 miles South East of Dakar. Stan's target is to take part in the CQWW contest and hopefully win one of the top 3 places in the selected category.

Outside of the contest it is a holiday style operation with activity mainly on 160 and 80 metres. During CQWW special callsign - 6V7Y - will be used. 6W/EI6DX callsign was received for activity outside of the contest.

Top Irish, European and North American stations that make the most contacts with 6W/EI6DX will receive a genuine Senegalese miniature painting created by one of the local artists. QSOs per band mode will count for this small award. For more details visit Stan's very interesting website at [www.ei6dx.com](http://www.ei6dx.com)

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### **Donated EI Equipment to Pakistan**

AREN Recently sought and received equipment from Generous Amateurs and dealers for use in building up communications after the recent disaster. The EI donated equipment is in use with acknowledgement on their website [www.pakhams.com](http://www.pakhams.com)

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### **Memoirs of an Irish Radio Officer**

Author Jack Lynch's new book "Beyond the Sea, Memoirs of an Irish Radio Officer" These memoirs record the life of a Cobh, Co. Cork boy born in 1927 from infancy to adulthood in the millennium.

Amongst the happy memories are the games and tricks played on each other and his schooling from the convent years to secondary college in Cobh. It is an honest reflection of the heartbreaks and Jack now lives in Malahide. His book is available in all good bookshops

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### **DX NEWS**

Next weekend (27/28 November) one of the most popular DX Contests takes place. This is the CQ WW CW Contest. Many operators will be travelling to exotic spots and it is a great opportunity to work a few new and /or rare DXCC entities.

For newcomers to the contest scene it can at times seem to be a complete madhouse on the bands during a contest but it can be very rewarding for DX chasers. For this particular contest the contest exchange is signal report plus CQ zone. As EI is in Zone 14 a typical report from here would be 59914.

Stan EI6DX is in Senegal at present signing 6W/EI6DX and during the contest he will use the callsign 6V7Y. QSLs can be sent via the IRTS Bureau.

Other calls to look out for are:-

9L5VT operated by members of the Voodoo Contest Group who have been travelling to west Africa for many years for this contest. This year they are in Sierra Leone and QSL info is via G3SXW.

In the Bahamas three American amateurs will be on as C6AKX on 20m, C6ATA on 40m and C6ARR on 160m.

Morocco will be activated by three Spanish operators using the call 5C5T from the local radio society's HQ station.

Gerd DL7VOG is going to the island of San Andres and will sign HK0GU.

An unusual prefix will be found in Nicaragua when three American visitors use the call H7V during the contest. As you know the regular prefix for there is YN.

Details of many of the stations which will be QRV during the Contest can be found on the NG3K website – have a look at [www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html](http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html)

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## **Rallies**

Sunday Today 21st November 2010 Event: Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Annual Rally Venue: Welcome Inn, Castlebar, Co. Mayo Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Information: Rally Director: Padraic Baynes, See [www.ei7mre.org](http://www.ei7mre.org)

Advance notice PHOENIX A.R.C. RADIO RALLY 2011

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club annual rally will be held on Sunday 20th February 2011 in the usual venue, Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown.

Doors open for Traders at 9.00 am Doors open to public 11.00am Admission 5 Euros. To book tables contact Tony at 0872439997 or Tom at 01-8211043.

Plenty of Parking, Refreshments and Bring and Buy Sale. All usual traders will attend.

This is the First Rally of 2011 come, meet friends and enjoy it.

For further details on Rallies please see [www.irts.ie/rallies](http://www.irts.ie/rallies)

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-

6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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